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# Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

Examiner

Shuwang Liu

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Period for Reply

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## Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 31 May 2001.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

## Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-8 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1,4,6 and 8 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 2,3,5 and 7 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

## Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

## Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- \* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

## Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)  
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)  
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. \_\_\_\_\_.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_.

## **DETAILED ACTION**

### ***Claim Objections***

1. Claim 5 is objected to because of the following informalities:

In line 5, insert - -respectively,- - before "and another".

Appropriate correction is required.

### ***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102***

2. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(a) the invention was known or used by others in this country, or patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country, before the invention thereof by the applicant for a patent.

(e) the invention was described in a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent, or on an international application by another who has fulfilled the requirements of paragraphs (1), (2), and (4) of section 371(c) of this title before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent.

The changes made to 35 U.S.C. 102(e) by the American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA) and the Intellectual Property and High Technology Technical Amendments Act of 2002 do not apply when the reference is a U.S. patent resulting directly or indirectly from an international application filed before November 29, 2000. Therefore, the prior art date of the reference is determined under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) prior to the amendment by the AIPA (pre-AIPA 35 U.S.C. 102(e)).

3. Claims 1 and 4 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(a) as being anticipated by Jamal et al. (US 5,930,366).

As shown in figures 1-7, Jamal et al. discloses a pilot synchronization channel structure for CDMA system, comprising:

(1) regarding claim 1:

a synchronization channel (SCH) (for example, combined channel in figure 7);

a pilot channel overlapping the SCH (for example, pilot channel in figure 7, column 6, lines 1-25); wherein, the pilot channel comprises data frames comprising p time slots (see figure 6) and each time slot is packed with m preselected pilot symbols after spread spectrum and scrambling (column 2, lines 45-56, column 3, lines 6-17, and column 12, lines 44-65).

(2) regarding claim 4:

wherein all of the m pilot symbols are 1 or -1 (column 12, lines 44-65).

4. Claims 1, 4, 6 and 8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Nystrom et al. (US 6,526,091).

As shown in figure 3, Nystrom et al. discloses a pilot synchronization channel structure for CDMA system, comprising:

(1) regarding claim 1:

a synchronization channel (SCH) (PSC and SSC);

a pilot channel (PSC) overlapping the SCH (column 6, lines 1-25); wherein, the pilot channel comprises data frames comprising p time slots (see figure 6) and each time slot is packed with m preselected pilot symbols after spread spectrum and scrambling (column 5, line 3-column 6, line 36 and column 11, lines 29-37).

(2) regarding claim 4:

wherein all of the  $m$  pilot symbols are 1 or  $-1$  (column 12, lines 44-65).

(3) regarding claims 6 and 8:

the claimed limitations are disclosed in column 5, line 3-column 6, line 7.

***Allowable Subject Matter***

5. Claims 2, 3, 5 and 7 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

***Conclusion***

6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Shuwang Liu whose telephone number is (703) 308-9556.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Stephen Chin, can be reached at (703) 305-4714.

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Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the Technology Center 2600 Customer Service Office whose telephone number is (703) 306-0377.



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